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MEMORANDUM for Mr. E. A. Tamm,
Department of State

The Atomic Energy Commission has seen the British side-
message of January 12, 1947, regarding German nuclear physicists.
In the interest of national security, the Commission is opposed to
such scientists working directly for the Commission, and to their
coming into contact with "restricted data" through any of the Com-
mission's contractors, associated organizations, or other depart-
ments of the Government. There exists a danger that a certain
amount of security will be lost through the probable unavoidable
associations among American and German scientists.

The Commission understands that there is a governmental
policy approved by the Secretaries of State, War, and Navy with
the subsequent approval of the President, relating to the long
range exploitation of German scientists in the interest of national
security and that the policy includes such considerations as denial
of German scientists to other nations through employment in the
United States. The Commission is of the opinion that all possible
steps should be taken to deny German nuclear physicists to other
countries, particularly the U.S.S.R., but that appropriate imple-
mentation of such a policy is a responsibility of the State, War,
and Navy Departments.

For the General Manager:

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